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PEPTIDES AND PROTEINS HAVING
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated July 14, 2004 and accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Also included herewith are the following Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Sumar, *Multiple Pin Peptide Scanning ("Pepscan")* IN EPITOPE MAPPING: A PRACTICAL APPROACH 36-45 (Westwood et al., eds., Oxford University Press 2000).

Exhibit B: Joosten et al., *Microb. Cell Fact.* 2:1 (2003).

Exhibit C: Westwood et al., *An Introduction to Epitope Mapping* IN EPITOPE MAPPING: A PRACTICAL APPROACH (Westwood et al., eds., Oxford University Press 2000).

Exhibit D: Ginsburg, *von Willebrand Disease* IN WILLIAMS HEMATOLOGY 1813-1828 (Beutler et al., eds. 6th Ed. 2001)

Exhibit E: Declaration of Cornelius Adriaan de Kruif and Curriculum Vitae Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.132.